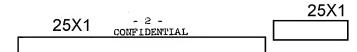
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3.	"There are about 180 employees in zavod 2 3 at Liberec.	The manager to (Ann)

- Mikes, who has no technical qualifications. His deputy is (fnu) chairman of the CP organization is (fnu) Horak. The commander of the militia is Vaclav Klatovsky.
- 4. "The plant concentrates on the repair of transport and loading machinery for mines, quarries and building sites. There has been a constant lack of special steel, iron plate; for conveyors, rubber and lectric motors. These shortages have meant failure in achieving production targets. Presumably in April 1953 / the turning in the workshop (frezarna) was fulfilling the plan by 55-60%; the railway engine workshop (lokomotivka) by 35% and the locksmith shop (zamecnicka diina) by 90%
- 5. "There are no shockworkers in the plant, and the working morale is low. This is mainly because over 10% of the workers are transplanted administrative and white-collar workers, private craftsmen (zivnostnici) and ex-army officers. They are frequently accused by setting a bad example and harming worker morale.
- 6. "In spring 1993 [prior to 30 May 53 currency reform] unskilled workers at the plant earned about 1,000 ke net weekly. Skilled workers earned 1,200 1,300

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weekly. The plant published a weekly paper, the 'Stalinec', but subscription is not compulsory.

Conditions in the Liberec District

- "The Praga factory at Straz nad Nisou was converted into a military factory in 7. 1952. It is now called Normal. Its production includes radar equipment.
- "Uranium ore deposits have been reported near Krizan pod Jestedem, in the direction of Jablonny pod Jestedem. Test drillings were being made in spring 1953.
- 9. "At the beginning of 1953 butter and sugar disappeared from shops in the Liberec district. Only jam was available in sufficient quantity, at 65 ke per kg. There has been a shortage of such simple medicines as aspirin and 'ointments'. Special prescriptions are needed.
- 10. "In spring 1953 a contagious disease referred to as 'black Jaundice' (cerna zlouterka) was spreading among persons in the Liberec district. Rumors corculated that it had been caused by rotten canned meat and stale margarine mixed with fresh.
- "In January 1953 some 35 butchers in the Liberec district were arrested on 11. charges of forfeiting ration cards, slaughtering cattle and pigs illegally and purchasing decayed carcass meat for use in sausages.

Conditions in Radcice

- "In spring 1953 the chairman of the local National Council at Radcice in the 12. Liberec district was (fnu) Caganek. The secretary was (fnu) Drevinek. security referent was (fnu) Prenosil. The head of the food and supply department was Mme Marie Slaba. The leader of the Youth League organization was Anezka Drevinkova. The chairman of the village CP organization was (fnu) Drevinek, son of the secretary of the local National Council. The deputy chairman of the local National Council, Mme (fnu) Holoubkova, also issued food ration coupons.
- "There is no SNB station in Radcice. The nearest is at Straz, under the command **13.** of (fnu) Smejkal, a former member of the Czech Socialist Party who has become a staunch Communist.
- "A unit of SVAZARM, the Czech paramilitary organization, was organized in Radcice 14. in summer 1952. As from January 1953 all men, except invalids, have been ordered to participate. Their training consists mainly of trench digging, infantry drill, parrison training and mine-laying. Once a month they do an all-day hitch.
- "The chairman of the local Farmers' Comperative at Addice in spring 1953 was Radoise conversions imploys about 20 .x-pr vate farmers. It is the second best in the Liberes district. The worst is at Krasna Studanka; the members of that cooperative fert their whole 1462 potated erep to rot in the fields. In 1952 all cooperations in the impores instruct, including the one at Rudeice, were hit by the fact and possible pressure. Ten of the 40 dows owned by the Raddice cooperative

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